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The monthly bulletin of the
Bar Hill Residents Association,
distributed to all residents

Thanks

Since the first news sheet appeared at the end of 1967, the production and circulation of seven subsequent bulletins have been undertaken by Mr. and Mrs. Burry, as one of their many services to the Village.

The Residents Association would like to express its warm thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Burry for helping in this most practical way to create and maintain an unusually strong sense of community in Bar Hill.

New Residents

We welcome this month -

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Burns, 13 Acorn Avenue ✓
Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Meadows, 8 Almond Grove ✓
Mr. and Mrs. J. Niell, 1 Oatlands Avenue -
Mr. and Mrs. J. Pook, 32 Acorn Avenue ✓
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Singleton, 24 Otter Gardens. ✓

Appeal to Car Drivers

Many residents have expressed concern about the speed at which some cars are driven in the Village. Would all car drivers please take great care both in the Village itself and on the approach road, particularly after dark when pedestrians walking from the bus-stop can be difficult to see.

Bar Hill Parish Council

The following people were elected to the Parish Council on 7th May:

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Mr. Burry, 58 Acorn Avenue
Mrs. King, 19 Acorn Avenue
Mr. Lakin, 22 Almond Grove
Mr. Lancaster, 13 Gladeside
Mr. Norton, 21 Acorn Avenue.

The Parish Council is carrying on the work of the Parish Meeting, and at its first meeting the following matters were discussed:

- (1) Bridle paths and footpaths to Dry Drayton and Lolworth.
- (2) Provision of a new notice board near the shops.
- (3) The Parish Council has joined the Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely Association of Parish Councils. This gives it access to the Quarterly review of the National Association, which will keep it up to date with, for example, changes in the law affecting Parish Councils.
- (4) The Parish Council is seeking information from the Developers about their future plans. Any plans which the Developers submit to the County for approval will be inspected by the Parish Council on behalf of the Village.
- (5) The Parish Council meetings will be announced in advanced, and will be held on the fourth Wednesday in the month (except August), at 8 p.m. in the School. Members of the public may attend these meetings, but may not speak or take part in them.

If there is anything which you would like the Parish Council to consider, contact either one of the above Councillors, or:

Mr. B. Russen, Clerk to the Parish Council,
12 Gladeside Tel. Crafts Hill 261

Association meetings of one kind or another occur regularly in the Village - currently, as well as the monthly meeting of your Committee, sub-committees, for the Fete on 1st September (Bank Holiday Monday), and for social activities generally, meet regularly, and there has recently been a General Meeting, with a very full house, in the School.

We hope to provide regular reports of each Committee meeting (sub and full), but for this issue it is probably better to combine the meetings of the Committee on 9th May and the General Meeting on 16th May, since both discussed much the same matters.

BHRA Committee officers first:

<u>Chairman:</u>	Rodney Dale, 16 Almond Grove
<u>Secretary:</u>	Mike Duce, 22 Gladeside
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Mike Downey, 34 Acorn Avenue
<u>Editor of Newsletter:</u>	John Wills, 45 Acorn Avenue

So far as the Newsletter is concerned, John is to have complete freedom as to contents, format, and what-have-you - basically his only instruction is to produce it monthly.

On the purchase of freeholds from 1972 onwards, the Committee is to seek professional advice on the likely cost for a typical leaseholder and let you know the result - they propose to wait, however, until amending legislation now before Parliament ceases to be a Bill and becomes an Act.

Expert advice, for onward transmission to the Developers, is also being obtained on the TV signal network - apparently the intermittent problems here arise not so much from the wiring system as from the equipment used to put the signal into sets and boost it into each portion of the Village.

The making up of the Dry Drayton bridleway is being dealt with, as is the reinstatement of the Lolworth footpath, by the Parish Council, and the Committee are seeking a link path, free of steps, for Otter Close, and the completion of other link paths.

339 A careful eye is being kept on the making of an application for a "scheme of management" for Village amenities under the Leasehold Reform Act, within the statutory time limit which expires at the end of 1969. This, and other questions as to social amenity facilities, are closely linked to the Trust. We are assured that they are receiving the active attention of the Developers' legal advisers, but time is passing quickly and we hope that the Trust, or at least a temporary management body, will soon be formed. Rodney Dale is to meet the Developers early in June for preliminary discussion of many matters, and we hope to arrange for a General Meeting at which there can be an exchange of views on the present and future of our Village.

Moneywise, subscription income is unlikely to do more than cover costs of administration, printing, etc., and the question of finance is due for discussion at the next General Meeting on 25th July - and at two Committee meetings before then. Much discussion at the last General Meeting centred on the pros and cons of free membership of the Association for all residents, with some form of regular fund-raising or a commitment to a levy as required, suggested as alternatives to an annual membership fee.

Our present money position, with about £170 in the bank at the date of the General Meeting, is less healthy than the figure suggests, since most of this arose from, and should be earmarked for, the provision of social and recreational facilities. Some has already gone to provide flags for the Scouts, and as a loan to the badminton players to enable them to buy a net, posts and racquets. Subscriptions will have to be sought and paid for the current year anyway, because re-shaped rules cannot be discussed and agreed before 24th July, and they will have to be adopted at the next quarterly meeting - which could conveniently be the Annual General Meeting - in October or November.

In a nutshell, much discussion, much decision, and much action now to be taken, principally by your Committee and officers, but you will be kept informed of progress, and if you want to know anything, or if you want something done - ASK A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE.

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Shops and Businesses in Bar Hill

(1) The Hairdresser's - ELAINE

ELAINE was the first shop inside the arcade to open. The owner, Mrs. B. Wade, and the ladies' stylist, her daughter Elaine, both live in the Village.

The shop is a member of the Hairdressers' Federation, and offers a full range of styles and services in both men's and women's hairdressing. ELAINE is fully equipped to expand as the demand increases, with space in the ladies' department for up to three stylists.

One of Elaine's specialities, which she will be demonstrating in neighbouring villages, is Postiche - the increasingly popular use in ladies' fashion of wigs and hairpieces. There is also a wide range of costume jewellery in stock at ELAINE; and an attractive feature for housewives with young children is the playroom, where children can play with the toys provided while their mother is having her hair done.

The men's department, which has now been open for some time, is run by Mr. Joseph Russo; there is no need for customers to book an appointment.

Ladies can book their appointments by ringing ELAINE at Crafts Hill 522. Opening times for both departments are:

Monday:	Closed all day
Tuesday - Thursday:	9 - 6 (closed for lunch 1 - 2 p.m.)
Friday:	9 - 7 (" " " ")
Saturday:	9 - 5 (" " " ")

Telephone Numbers of Shops

Forbuys (Newsagent)	Crafts Hill 312
Do-It-Yourself	Crafts Hill 341
Elaine (Hairdresser)	Crafts Hill 522
Keymarkets	*Madingley 490
Andrew McCulloch (Electrical)	*Madingley 661

*As Madingley numbers are transferred to the Crafts Hill exchange, we hope to bring these numbers up to date.

Bar Hill Pre-school Playgroup

The Playgroup has just celebrated its first birthday. It was started by a group of mothers meeting on 23rd May 1968 and deciding that a Playgroup was urgently needed at Bar Hill, and appointing a committee to see what could be done about getting one started. Everyone present donated 2/6 to enable us to join the Pre-school Playgroups Association. The remaining few shillings were used to start a fund-raising effort for all the equipment needed. As we were unable to get any financial help from the local authorities, it depended on us to find the money.

We were lucky enough to persuade the Education Authority (with Mr. Norton's help) to rent us one of the empty classrooms in the new school, and it was agreed that the Playgroup could open on 1st October. This gave us approximately three months to raise money.

By the hard work and enthusiastic support of our members we have to date raised approximately £130. I think all those involved in our various activities have enjoyed themselves. I remember especially evenings spent painting and glueing Christmas decorations to sell on a stall in Cambridge market last November. Husbands were left minding the children, as we left at 7.0 a.m., armed with thermos flasks of coffee, to take up our stand in the market!

Our Playgroup is admirably run by Janet Hook with a rota of mothers to help her each day. Because we are now employers, our poor Treasurer has to battle with insurance stamps and S.E.T. In fact our income and expenditure during the first year amounted to just over £400.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone for their support, especially Mr. Norton for his help and co-operation, and all my fellow committee members, without whose hard work the first year would not have been so successful.

Pamela Lakin
(22 Almond Grove)

Bar Hill Camera Club

Meetings are held at 8.0 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at "Maric", 13 Gladeside. There is no entrance fee or subscription. There is no meeting in June, and the next meeting will be on July 1st; this will be a practical evening, and you are asked to bring cameras and film.

July 1st is also the closing date for the competition for the best picture taken in Bar Hill. Two prizes will be awarded, and entries will be displayed at the Fete on September 1st.

The following talks and demonstrations have been provisionally arranged for future meetings: Homes and Gardens; Lighting for Portraiture; Colour Development; Bird Photography; Exposure.

Bar Hill Union

I would like to take this opportunity to explain what the Bar Hill Union is all about. It was formed to provide some evenings' entertainment and promote interest in any matters which concern us all. So far the results have been most encouraging, but it would be good to run out of chairs one night. Let me emphasise that no-one is a 'member', and that the whole thing is run on a casual basis, so never feel afraid to turn up because you did not come to the last meeting.

So far we have had only two talks, each followed by a short question-and-answer session, but they were both extremely interesting, and I would like in this Newsletter to thank once again Mr. Nunn for his enlightening presentation on progressive education (with only one 'g' this time), and Mr. Phillips, who shed a new light on the supernatural. I feel those present will agree with me.

As for the future, we are hoping to vary our programme somewhat and include some pure discussions and debates. Other ideas are most welcome. Although the subject for the next meeting is not yet fixed, a notice will appear through your door shortly, so I look forward to seeing you.

Mark Rainer (Secretary), 3 Otter Close
Committee: Chairman Rodney Dale, 16 Almond Grove
Treasurer Mike Downey, 34 Acorn Avenue

1st Bar Hill Scouts

Mrs. Pears has joined the Group as a Scouter to help with the Cub Scouts - we welcome her.

Mr. Dear, one of the directors of Bar Hill Developments, has kindly given the Group a donation of 5 guineas. The Committee of the Residents Association has donated £10 towards the purchase of a set of flags, to be used by the Scouts on ceremonial occasions.

The following officers of the Group Council have been elected:
Chairman: Mr. Barnes Treasurer: Mr. Southgate Secretary: Mrs. Burry

An investiture will be held on 6th June, when the first ten Cub Scouts and five Scouts will be enrolled as members of the Group.

Badge Examiners. Since the last circular sent by Mr. and Mrs. Brown, the following people have offered their services as Badge Examiners:

Cyclist	- the local police	Camp Cook	- Mr. Barnes
Map Reader	- Mr. Burry	Swimmer	- Mr. Stalley
Scientist	- Mr. Dale	Electronics	- Mr. Wills

Examiners are still needed for the following badges:

(Cub Scouts) Artist, Athlete, Explorer, Handyman, Naturalist.
(Scouts) Explorer, Mechanic, Observer, Pioneer, Camp Warden,
Guide, Jobman, Quartermaster.

If anyone is willing to help, Mr. Brown, 49 Acorn Avenue, will be pleased to explain what is involved.

National Savings

Monthly totals: April £69 8s. 0; May £88 10s. 0

Mrs. Wigley, who collects the National Savings, is anxious to find someone who can stand in for her while she is on holiday (from mid-July to the end of August).

As more houses in the Village are filled, there should be enough people to support two savings groups. Anyone living on the hill in Phase 2 who would be willing to start a second group should ask for details from Mrs. Wigley, 18 Acorn Avenue.

Bar Hill Women's Institute

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be held in the School at 7.45 on Thursday, June 5th, when a member of Cambridgeshire County Health Department will give a talk entitled "Making the best of one's figure". The Secretary of the Women's Institute is Mrs. Church, 7 Otter Close.

Handicrafts Exhibition (Village Fete, 1st September 1969)

An exhibition of handicrafts from the Village will form part of the Fete, and it is hoped that a very wide range of entries will be forthcoming - painting, winemaking, all kinds of needlework, etc. More details for entry will be given in a later Newsletter. If you are intending your entry to be sold, you will be asked to mark it with a price, 20 per cent of which will go towards the profits of the Fete.

Notes

Library 7 - 8 p.m. Mondays; 3 - 4 p.m. Fridays (in the School)

Welfare Foods See Mrs. Barbara Page, 17 Gladeside

Church Services are now held in the ^{School} every Sunday at 10.00 a.m.

The Free Church Minister, Mr. King, lives at Church House,
19 Acorn Avenue (Crafts Hill 331)

The C. of E. rector, Mr. de Waal, lives at The Rectory,
Dry Drayton (Madingley 482)

Old newspapers Please remember to collect your old newspapers for the Church. They should be tied in bundles and taken to Mrs. Wallis, 6 Robin Close.

Old cars, commercial vehicles and steam engines Will anyone who is interested in any of these subjects please contact: Brian Sulman, 5 Otter Close.

Tennis

The Oakington and Westwick Sports and Social Club (Tennis Section) extends a warm welcome to tennis-players from Bar Hill. The facilities are available three days a week, with special arrangements for juniors and beginners, and for club fixtures. For full details please write to the Secretary: John Elstone, 8 Lowbury Crescent, Oakington; or telephone Mrs. P. Hall, Histon, 2843. -

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